



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2292
Global Anti-Semitism Review Act of 2004**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations
on September 29, 2004*

S. 2292 would establish within the State Department an Office to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism to be headed by a special envoy. The act would require the Secretary of State to submit a written report on acts of anti-Semitism around the world. The report would include a description of acts of violence, harassment, or propaganda against Jewish people and property in each country and the responses of the governments or those countries to such acts. The first report would be due within 180 days of enactment with information provided annually thereafter as part of the annual reports on international religious freedom, on human rights, and on the practices of recipients of security assistance. CBO estimates that implementing S. 2292 would require hiring up to three additional personnel for the new office and increase costs to the federal government by less than \$500,000 each year, assuming the appropriation of the necessary amounts. The act would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 2292 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On May 3, 2004, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 2292 as reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on April 29, 2004. The Senate version would not create a new office within the State Department and would not significantly increase costs to the federal government.

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